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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJECT: FOOD EXHIBIT IN KUWAIT

REF: STATE 22602, STATE 18273

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOK FORM EMBASSY COMPLETES IN  
CONNECTION WITH CLEARANCE OF GOODS RECEIVED THROUGH KUWAIT  
CUSTOMS:

BEGIN TEXT:

EMBASSY/CONSULATE.....

STATE OF KUWAIT

NO. CUSTOMS DECLARATION

THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT  
THE EMBASSY..... PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT AND REQUESTS PERMISSION TO  
ENTER THE CONSIGNMENT DETAILED BELOW UNDER DIPLOMATIC CORPS  
CUSTOMS EXEMPTION:-

NAME AND TITLE OF CONSIGNEE.....

MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND NUMBER OF BILL OF LADING.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUPPLIER.....

PACKAGES NUMBER, TYPE AND MARKS.....

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KIND OF GOODS.....

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....

VALUE IN LOCAL OR FOREIGN CURRENCY.....

THE EMBASSY/CONSULATE OF.....

CERTIFIES THAT THE ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE FOR THE PRIVATE USE OF MR....9/.....OR FOR THE USE OF HIS FAMILY/THE EMBASSY/THE CONSULATE, AND IS PREPARED TO PRESENT FOUR INVOICES CONFORMING TO GOODS SPECIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN, AND AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF CHIEF OF MISSION

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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONSIDERS THAT THE GOODS MENTIONED IN THIS CUSTOMS DECLARATION ARE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS EXEMPTION LAW.

H N DS UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
ORIGINAL COPY TO CUSTOMS  
2ND AND 3RD COPY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY  
4TH COPY TO BENEFICIARY  
END TEXT.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED GENERAL QUESTION OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WHOSE FIRM HANDLES MOST EMBASSY SHIPMENTS. HE CONFIRMS AMBASSADOR JAAFAR'S GENERAL RECOLLECTION (PARA 5, SECOND REF) RE CONSUMABLES AND ITEMS TO BE REEXPORTED. IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OF PRODUCTS TO BE EXHIBITED WILL FALL INTO FIRST CATEGORY. MATERIALS TO BE USED TO ERECT DISPLAY STANDS AND SUCH WILL BE PURCHASED LOCALLY. WE SUGGEST THAT BROCHURES, CATALOGUES AND OTHER WRITTEN MATERIAL BE SENT BY POUCH TO AVOID QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY ARE SUBJECT TO ANY DUTY.

3. HARD TO SAY WHETHER GOK WILL ACCEPT POSITIVE CERTIFICATION IN PLACE OF MORE COMMON BOYCOTT LANGUAGE. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROBABLY WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO WHATEVER RECOMMENDATION AMBASSADOR JAAFAR MAKES, PARTICULARLY IF HE PROVIDES STRONG ARGUMENT AND SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MFA TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS HERE. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GOK AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELIEVE IT UNWISE TO DO SO UNTIL DEPARTMENT/KUWAIT EMBASSY WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

4. WE THINK FEWEST PROBLEMS WILL BE ENCOUNTERED IF FOOD EXHIBITION ITEMS ARE CONSIGNDED DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY AND SENT AS DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENT. WHEN WE DECIDED TO CONSIGN GOODS TO HILTON IT WAS FOR REASONS USG OFFICIALS EXPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR JAAFAR. HOWEVER, AT THAT TIME WE DID NOT CONSIDER BOYCOTT

LANGUAGE PROBLEM THAT HAS ARISEN. WE HAVE CONSIDERED SUGGESTING THAT GOODS BE CONSIGNED TO "US FOOD EXHIBIT" C/O HILTON OR C/O EMBASSY OR THAT GOODS BE SENT BY HILTON INTERNATIONAL TO KUWAIT HILTON. BUT SIMPLEST, MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD APPROACH AND ONE WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL ALLOW USE OF POSITIVE DECLARATION AS IS PRESENT GENERAL PRACTICE WITH EMBASSY (DIPLOMATIC) SHIPMENTS IS TO CONSIGN GOODS TO BE EXHIBITED DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY.

5. IF DEPARTMENT/USDA DECIDE TO PROCEED IN THIS FASHION, WE ASSUME ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED PARA 2, SECOND REF REGARDING ACTUAL SHIPMENT OF GOODS. WILL BE NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY TO KNOW PRECISE ETA AND CARRIER OF GOODS, AND DEPARTMENT/USDA WILL HAVE TO REMEMBER EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS DO NOT OPERATE FRIDAYS, EXCEPT FOR NIACT IMMEDIATE TRAFFIC. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT CAN MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL FIRMS AND HILTON TO ASSURE SPEEDY REMOVAL OF FOOD EXHIBIT ITEMS FROM CUSTOMS AREA TO HILTON STORAGE FACILITY IN US.

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